

GM681

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Nursing, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARRIE OLIVEIRA, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Friday, April 5, 2019
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 681, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CARRIE OLIVEIRA,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Carrie Oliveira's appointment to the State Board of Nursing (Board) as a public member.

Ms. Oliveira is an established communicator, earning her Ph.D. in communication from Michigan State University in 2007. She spent several years as faculty at East Tennessee State University before returning to Hawaii as director of research for SMS Research and Marketing Services, Inc. Currently, Ms. Oliveira works at the Hawaii State Center for Nursing and has published several reports for the Center.

The Department believes that Ms. Oliveira's interest in serving on the Board, commitment to actively participate in board meetings, and knowledge of and experience in the profession will enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



**Testimony Presented Before the Senate
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
April 5, 2019 9:30 a.m.**

**by
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GM680 and GM681 Consideration and Confirmation of Carrie Oliveira to the State Board of Nursing

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of support for Dr. Carrie Oliveira for the nomination to the Hawai'i Board of Nursing. I have known Dr. Oliveira since 2015, in which she has contributed to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing's (Center) nursing workforce research efforts.

In her current role as the Center's nursing workforce researcher, she has improved the timeliness and distribution of our workforce research, improved usability by developing a focus on counties, regulatory changes, and responsiveness to partner requests for data. In addition, she has engaged in a data visibility effort by producing infographics.

As a workforce researcher, she has considerable expertise in considering the workforce implications of the capacity of our state to educate new nurses, the balance of our workforce supply, and employer demand for nurses. This, I believe, makes her well suited to serve as a public member of the Board of Nursing and fulfill the duties of the board.

Additionally, Dr. Oliveira is an expert in interpersonal communication and the science of communication. As the Board has increasing demands on it related to communicating to nurses, schools of nursing, and the general public, Dr. Oliveira will be able to contribute considerably.

Dr. Oliveira is a pleasure to work with and has elevated the work and community relations of the Center both locally and nationally. I believe her to be a fine candidate for this position on the Board of Nursing and recommend her with gusto.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laura Reichhardt".

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